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Date	From whom received R. 8854	
7th May 1811	President of the Medical committee Bhowany.	Giving certain instructions to be observed regarding the pestilential fever which then prevailed.
Do	Do	Communicating Extract of a Letter from the Superintending Surgeon of the Southern Division regarding the pestilential fever which then prevailed.
7th August 1811	Judge and Magistrate of the Zillah of Madura	Requesting to be informed if the boundary limits between the Shevagangah Zemindari and the Tondaiman's country had been ascertained by actual survey &c.
14th November 1811	Board of Revenue	Communicating for information and report various suggestions regarding the improvement

			Substance
			improvement of the means of internal communication throughout the country.
	2nd December 1811	Board of Revenue	Transmitting correspondence with Government regarding disputed boundaries of Chank renters of Ramnad & Ceylon.
	7th December 1811	Zillah Judge of Madura.	Soliciting the services of a surveyor &c to settle the boundary disputes between the Shevagangah zemindari & Tondaiman's country.
	23rd December 1811	Board of Revenue	Directing an immediate revision of the pension list. Instructions.
	Do	Do	Remarks and orders as to his Pension list for

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To Rous Peter Esqre

Acting Collector of Madura & Dindigul

Sir,

It having appeared to us that one cause of the great mortality that has for some months past been occasioned by the Epidemic fever, which is still prevalent in the Districts of Coimbatoor, Dindigul, Madura & Tinnevelly is the scarcity of intelligent Native Doctors, we therefore take the liberty of recommending, that every encouragement should be given to men of this description to settle in the different Villages throughout these Provinces; and which perhaps, could most successfully be accomplished by allowing them certain agricultural rights and immunities. Till such time however as these practitioners can be regularly chosen, and stationed by the Collectors; it would be highly advisable that, without loss of time an Expert and active

Duffadar

Duffadars should be placed in each Village as well for the purpose of Seeing the Directions which have already been recommended by the President of this Committee, put in Execution; as those additional rules, which we now beg leave to Suggest. —

1 Such as are attacked with fever Ought as soon as possible to take a purge; either a table spoonful & a half of Castor Oil i.e. (Sittamanakaunay) or an infusion of Senna i.e. (Nellavery) made in the following manner. —

About a small hand ful of the Sun dried leaves of the Nellavery are to be put into a pot. and Over them is to be poured 8 Ounces of boiling Water, the whole to stand for 4 hours when the infusion is to be strained from the leaves and drank. —

2 After this purge has done operating and when the body has become quite cool the patient may either take the powdered Bark of the Vagpoo=maram as was formerly mentioned or (as that is not so easily prepared) the following. —

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3 Take about two ounces of the Well bruised Bark of the Vayppoomaram and about half an ounce of ginger Root sliced boil these in three pints of Water to two of this ~~when~~ cool & strained two ounces are to be given every hour discontinuing it should the fever come on, but begining it again as soon as the sweating stage is nearly over, This decoction will generally put an end to the Sickness if the Rules which were formerly laidown with regard to Diet Clothing &ca. are at the same time strictly attended to, the medicine however may be continued for three or four days, after the fever is gone as the surest means of preventing a relapse —

4 If during the time that the decoction is administered the bowels should become costive a very gentle dose of the Nellavery or caster oil may be taken. —

5 We moreover beg leave to recommend to You to direct the Tahsildars and head men of

of Villages to give every assistance in their power, to the Native Doctors or Duffadars appointed to those Villages so as to enable them to procure the articles above mentioned in such quantities as at all times to have a sufficiency for the Sick; as also to take care that the medicines are carefully and regularly given to whoever may require them. ——

We have the honor to be
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servants.

Dhovany
7th May 1811

Whitlw Ainslie M.D.
And President of the
Committee —

A. L. Smith
2d Member

From Mr. Ainslie
M.D. and Pre-
sident of the
Committee dated
7th May 1811.

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Extract of a Letter from the Superintending Surgeon of the Southern Division, President of the Committee ordered to inquire into the causes of the Disease now prevalent in the districts of Coimbatore, Madura and Tinnevelly.

"To correct the distempered state of the air, by any human means, it is needless to say is impossible; but, altho' we can not "avert the operation of the general cause; "yet still there are some means in our power, "by which we may mitigate the evils that "thence arise; and as the sooner these are "had recourse to, the greater, in all proba= "bility will be the number of lives saved, "I would recommend, that without loss of "time, the Collectors of the districts in which

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"the Fever now rages, be directed to issue to the
"head man of each Village, the following rules
"and precautions. —
"Firstly — That the situations in future
"chosen for huts, houses or Villages be invari=
=ably (when circumstances will admit)
"high, dry, and as far removed as possible
"from Jungle, Hills, or marshes —
"Secondly. — That all those who can afford
"it, ought to provide themselves with leather
"Sandals, and Truckle beds (Cuttles) similar
"to what we find used by the common people
"in Mysore; and that every man be fur=
=nished with a mattrass made of thick
"twisted straw, on which may be laid his
"mat or quilt. —
"Thirdly — That he also procure a woollen
"cumlie to cover him. —
"Fourthly. — That no man proceed to
"labor 'till the sun has sufficiently expelled

"the fogs or mists from the grounds in which
"he is to work, nor stay in his fields after the
"evening damps begin to fall. —
"Fifthly — That no person, who has lately,
"had this Fever bathe his body in cold water
"till such time as his health is perfectly re-
"-established. —
"Sixthly — That as in these sickly times
"nothing is more apt to produce the Fever, or
"bring on relapses of it, than Butter-milk,
"Tyre, Toddy, or cold crude vegetables and
"Fruits, these are therefore as much as possible
"to be abstained from. The safest food is
"Rice, Dry Grains, the Pulses (Pyres) Eggs,
"Fowls, Milk, Mutton, and corn'd fish. —
"Seventhly. — That where no European
"Medical assistance can be obtained, the dried
"bark (pounded) of the Vayphoo-marum* (Margosa)
"taken to the quantity of about 3 or 4 drams in
"the day, with the addition of a small tea spoonful

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* It is the Nimb of the Hindoos and the
Melia Azadirachta of Botanists. —

"of powdered Ginger will often prevent the
"coming on of the Fever; this ought to be mixed
"with a tea Cup full of water, and drank in
"3 or 4 divided doses before the cold fit is expected
"Eighthly and lastly — That in case (and
"it seems doubtful) individual contagion may
"operate in spreading this dreadful malady,
"the inhabitants of such villages as have
"hitherto escaped it, are on no account to
"approach those, in which the Fever is preva=
="lent." —

(A true Extract)

Whit.w Ainslie M.D.
Sup.t Surgeon 1.D.
And President of the Committee
appointed to inquire in the nature
of the Fever now prevalent in
the Southern Provinces —

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To

The Collector in the Zillah
of Madura

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Sir,

A representation having been made by the Zemindar of Shevagunga — stating that the Inhabitants of Tondy Man's Country, have encroached upon his Zemindary — [illegible] been guilty of several acts of violence — I have to request information if the Boundary between the two Countries, was ever ascerta[illegible] by actual survey — and if any do[illegible] to that effect exists — to be furn[illegible] with an authenticated copy there[illegible]

I have the honor [illegible]

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

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Judge & Mag[illegible]

Madura —
Zillah Court,
31st August, 1811 —

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[the] Collector in the Zillah Dindigul
and Madura

Sir,

[...ber]) Para 1 The Board of Revenue have for some time past had in contemplation the adoption of some general system for improving the state of the high-ways, for facilitating the passage of Rivers, and Nullahs, and for remedying the want of accommodation for Merchants and Travellers, so frequently complained of in the districts under this Presidency, and the attention of the Board has lately been particularly directed to this subject by representations from several

several Collectors especially from

in the Southern Division of Arco

bators, and Tanjore, and likewise

recent reference from Governmen

garding the want of bridges over

lakes situated on the Cappal route

2 With the exception of

principal roads in the Zillah of Ch

respect, the Roads in the Ceded Dis-

tricts, and in a few other of the Provinces,

which have occasionally been repaired

at the expense of Government, the Board

believe that not much attention has ever

been paid to the improvement of the

high-ways generally - with respect

however to the passage of rivers, on

most of those of public resort, ferry

establishments

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R establishments are maintained, usually either at the expense of Government or at that of the renters to whom the exclusive privilege has been farmed of levying a certain toll - the latter mode is the more general one, and it is apprehended that, in consequence, the revenue derived from these farms has been attended to in preference to the convenience & accommodation of the Public -

It has also been brought to the notice of the Board that since the Establishment of the Judicial System, some of the Collectors considering the care of the roads to be a matter of Police, have entertained doubts of the propriety of continuing to superintend a depart-

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-ment which they considered rather to belong to the Magistrate - that from the want of any Regulation on the subject the Magistrate has equally declined the task, and that from the absence of interference on either side not only is the improvement of the roads at a stand but even such as formerly may have been repaired at considerable expense are now gradually approaching to a state of decay.-

4 To this cause amongst others may be attributed the several representations which have lately been made to the Board respecting the inconvenience experienced from the general bad state of the roads, and the almost universal want of Bridges and Choultries in the territories

territories under this Presidency the great importance to the commerce as well as to the Revenue of the Country of an easy and secure land carriage renders the adoption of some fixed arrangement for the Management of the high ways an object at all times desirable, and from the obstacles which at present exist to impede and to interrupt that communication the Board are of opinion that some general measure of this sort has now become particularly requisite.

5 In considering the means best adapted for this purpose the Board have been led to review such plans for the improvement of the inland communication

communication as have been submitted to them by different Collectors, and many of the Suggestions which these proposals contain appearing to de=serve particular attention, the Board after a consideration of the points which they embrace, have resolved to com=municate the result of them to the se=veral Collectors for their information and report in order that some general arrangement applicable to all the Districts under this Government may be adopted with as little delay as possible.

6 The Collector in the South=ern Division of Arcot has proposed—

1st That flat bottomed boats built of Teak so constructed as to admit of

of Carriages and Horses driving into them similar to those in use in Tanjore shall be built and kept up at the public expence at all Rivers requiring them in the Districts under this Presidency.-

2d That where such boats cannot be used the most convenient boats that can be used shall be kept up.-

3d That a rate of Toll on every person, Horse Head of Cattle Carriage &c passed over in such Boats be fixed and levied by Boat Peons, by authority of Government.-

4th That no Boats be allowed to ply where such Boats are established

5th That the whole Revenue derived from such Toll shall form a

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fund to be appropriated as follows.

1st To defray the expense of building, keeping in repair, and paying the Establishments necessary to keep up the Boats.

2d To build substantial Bridges over Nullahs impassable in the rainy season.

3d To build similar Bridges over such Nullahs as may be passable with difficulty in the rainy season.

4th In making Stone Causeways or Brick and Chunam Drains across the public Roads wherever they are required.

5th In repairing the worse part of the high roads and the whole of them, if the fund will admit of it.

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7 The Collector in Coimbatore has likewise submitted a plan to the Board which, as regards the ferries, is similar to that proposed by Mr. Ravenshaw except that being intended for his own District only he proposes that the Toll shall vary with the rise or fall of the River - a copy of the rates which he proposes is circulated with this letter -

opy Enclosure B
the letter from
Mr. W. Garrow
th March 1811.

Mr. Garrow likewise proposes that the Boat Establishment shall be kept up only during such part of the year as may be requisite -

8 For the improvement of the Roads however the plan proposed by Mr. Garrow is different, it is as follows -

That

1st That all the convicts who can be spared, not of the Zillah only, but of the whole Division, be employed at first under the direction of a few Pioneers Commanded by an experienced officer in the execution of such works as may be necessary for the improvement of the Zillah until the whole shall have been Completed, their labour then to be extended to other Zillahs.

2d That Choultries shall be erected at the public expense, a Maunium of waste land to be granted to each under the superintendence of the Collector.

(?) The Collector in Tanjore has also recommended the Establishment of a Toll to be levied at the ferries in that District

District similar to that proposed by Messrs. Garrow and Ravenshaw but he proposes that individual foot passengers shall be exempted from its operation, conceiving that if extended to them, it will give rise to great abuse and vexations in so extended an Establishment of Ferries as that in Tanjore.

10 The Board consider the plan for the general establishment of Ferries proposed by Mr. Ravenshaw combined with that for the improvement of the Roads suggested by Mr. Garrow to be applicable nearly to every District under this Government, and to be well calculated to improve the inland Communication with scarcely any additional expense to Government.

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11 "Under proper precautions the Board do not think that any obstacle can exist to the employment of the whole convicts of a Division in one place, & whilst the advantages to the public attending the arrangement would be very great. Mr Garrow very justly observes with regard to the present System that "the hard labour of a few Convicts only "in different places answers merely the "purpose of punishment to the individual "Culprits themselves without producing "any countervailing returns to society for the "expense of their maintenance, whilst the "Collective labour of a large proportion "might justly be directed to the substantive benefit of the state."

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12 To the adoption of the measure proposed by Mr Ravenshaw regarding the Ferries, the Board likewise are not aware of any objection thereat the principal stations being already in the hands of Government or of their Renters there can be no hardship in forbidding the Employment of any but Government boats at such stations as may be determined on and should it be requisite to take charge of any Ferry at present Managed by individuals, these persons can easily be taken into the pay of Government.

13 The toll in all instances should at least be such as to cover the expense of building and repairing the boats and of the establishment attached to

to them. the Board expect that in general it will be much greater and that in many Districts it will amount to a considerable sum - a trifling advance upon the rates now paid at some stations will probably be sufficient but where goods passengers &c.a are at present transported at the charge of Government the rates should be in the first instance fixed with caution and especially so as not to bear hard upon individual foot passengers -

14 It has been already remarked that Mr Wallace proposes that such persons shall be passed over free of charge the Board however conceive that if once the rates were well defined the public

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exposure of a List of them in some conspicuous situation would obviate vexatious interference or imposition should the demand be apt too frequently to recur, the Board concur with Mr. Wallace in the propriety of some exemption for this purpose, however, it might be sufficient to restrict the levy to a single station upon any thoroughfare much intersected by Rivers.

15 The Board are of opinion that whatever the rate of toll may be, the amount should be fixed as explicitly as possible to allow it to vary with the rise or fall of a river would afford a great opening to unauthorized exactions by the servants employed in the establishment

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the Board think that the demand should at once be determined, but if from local circumstances some variation should be considered requisite the better mode would be to fix the rates at so much for a certain number of Months and so much less for the remainder of the year.-

16. In some few districts a Revenue is at present derived from the farm of the tolls after paying all expenses, it is proposed that this surplus shall not hereafter be carried to the public account, but that the Collections shall in all cases be carried to a separate head, forming a general fund for the support and improvement of the internal intercourse

17. The erection of Chaultries for the

R. the accommodation of Travellers will be provided for from the same general fund, and the Board are satisfied that the grant of a Manniam of waste land will induce many of the natives at their own expense to increase the number of these very useful establishments - which of course it will be proper that you should encourage -

18 In submitting the plan for the establishment of ferries in Coimbatore the Collector in that District has proposed that the several Ferries shall likewise be chokey stations, and that all goods passed unless accompanied by a Rawannah shall pay duty to be levied at the Ferry -

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19 A Regulation for substituting a General Inland duty (payable once only) for a Town duty, has been already submitted to Government and it is probable will be ere long promulgated, a general review of the Choky stations will then become necessary, and such of the ferry stations as it may be deemed expedient can easily be converted into Choky stations.-

20 In replying to this letter, the Collectors will enter into a full explanation of the present state of the internal communication in their several Districts and will give a general account of what has been done of late years, of the expense incurred, and of the receipts, on the other hand, on account of toll, where such

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impost has been customary.—

26 Where no such impost has been customary the Collectors will report whether its Establishment be practicable or otherwise — and in the former case they will submit a table of proposed rates of toll with an Estimate of their produce.—

Fort St George
14th November 1811

I am,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
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18 Revenue Department

To the Head Assistant Collector in Charge
at
Madura.

Sir,

I am directed by the Board of Revenue to transmit for your information the [illegible] enclosed Copies of a correspondence with Government with reference to your letter of the 8th Ultimo regarding the dispute between the Chank Renters of Ramnad and Ceylon as to the boundaries of their respective fisheries.—

I am
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant
W. Hoor [illegible]

Fort St. George
9th December 1811.

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To the Chief Secretary to Government

Sir,

Para 1 "On the receipt of the orders of Government communicated in Mr. Gahagans letter of the 17th August last instructions were immediately issued to the Collector in Madura to enquire into the encroachment stated to have been made by the Chank Renter at Ramnad on the rights of the Ceylon Renter.

2 The Report from the assistant Collector in Charge upon this subject having recently been received I am directed by the Board to submit it for the information of the Honorable the Governor in Council.

3 In the letter from the Government of Ceylon the Renter at Ramna[illegible]

is stated to have opposed the perso

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fishery is entirely in the hands of the

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having (though as the Board apprehend

improperly) been included in the assets upon

which the permanent settlement of the

Zemindary was formed the grant of the

exclusive privilege of fishing rests therefore

with her and if any encroachment has

been made it is of course by her renters

and not by those of the Government. —

4 From the enclosure however

in Mr. Peter's letter it would appear that

the Ranee does not assert right to the —

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fishery in any but the western banks of the Island abovementioned she states that her right of fishing Chank extends from the Western shores of that Island to those of Ramnad that the Island in short is the boundary of the two fisheries, the eastern shores belonging to Ceylon, as the Western do to Ramnad, and in support of this assertion she has forwarded several depositions from some of the oldest fishermen of the Coast.

5. From these depositions it would appear that the fishery of the Ramnad Renter has always been confined one league within the limits before mentioned and the Board are therefore inclined to think that some misrepresentation of the matter has been made to the Government of Ceylon, from one of the papers it might be concluded that the Ceylon Chank

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renter had been tampering with some of the Fishe
to encroach on the Ranee's privilege - the Boa
conceive that the transmission of these pap
to the Ceylon Government will afford inform
which will enable that Government to judg
more correctly of the Right of the Respective par
and lead to a better definition of the disputed
boundaries." -

Have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servt.
(Signed) William Oliver Secy

Fort St. George
18th November 1811.

Extract of a letter from the Secretary to Government in the Revenue Department - Dated 27th November 1811.

Para 5. "The Governor in Council will refer for the consideration of the Honorable the Lieutenant Governor of Ceylon the papers which you have submitted explanatory of the Right, as alleged by the Ranee of Ramnad, to fish for Chank within the shores of the Island of Catchetivoe." -

(A true Copy & Extract)

Examd. [signature]

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The Collector in the Zillah of
Madura

Sir,

In a dispute between the Zemin-
-dar of Shevagunga and Tondiman respecting
their Boundaries, it is consider'd a desirable
object both by the Resident of Tanjore and
myself, that the Boundaries of either party
should be surveyed by a Professional person
attended by people deputed from the Zemin-
-dar, and Tondiman, to point out their reci-
-procal claims. To which end I have to solicit
your leave for the Surveyor employed under
you, to survey the Boundaries in dispute.
On the receipt of your answer, whether per-
-mission can be given to the surveyor, the same
will be made known to the Resident, and the
names of the Persons to be deputed by
the Zemindar, and Tondiman; together
with the time they will be in readiness

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to attend the survey will be forwarded

to you

Madura

Zillah Court

7th Decr. 1811.

I have the honor to be

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant

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From the Judge

& Magistrate

in Zillah Madura

Dated 7th Decr.

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Revenue Department

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To the Head Assistant Collector in Charge at Madura.

Sir,

Para 1st. In a Circular Letter under this date which has been addressed to you in Common with other Collectors you will receive the orders of the Board for the revision of the Pension List —

2. On reference to your Moyen Zabitah for the present fusly the Board observe that with the exception of the allowances to the deposed Polygars and their families all the pensions paid from your treasury have been granted for the performance of Religious services, that of 91 only 16 are enjoyed by the

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original incumbents, and that the rest have been allowed to descend to their grand Children and Nephews and in numerous instances to females who are altogether precluded from the performance of the duties for which these Maniums were granted.

3 Under the head of Pensions a decrease is shewn of Pagodas 1514. 42. 50. of this amount however Pagodas 1310. 19. 10. is a sum paid last year for the funeral Ceremonies of the late deposed Polygar of Ramnad the decrease by lapses is therefore only Pagodas 204. 23. 40. but it ought to have been shewn by Pagodas 9. 3. had not this sum been deducted from actual decrease and divided into two

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there to form trifling additions to the allowance of nearly all the pensioners.—

4 On reference to the former Moyen Zabitahs this measure appears to have been by no means unusual and consequently scarcely one of the Pensions for the present year are the same as those for Fusly 1219 - the difference, it is true, is not very great but it is the extreme irregularity of the Measure which the Board are called on to censure.—

5. The Board desire that you will immediately proceed to reduce all the pensions to the sums specified in the original Grants or where there are no grants to the sums originally paid by Government no additions which may have since been made being valid and

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I am directed to call your particular atten[tion]
to the rules respecting Pensions prescri[bed]
for your guidance in the Circular lett[er]
under this date.

I am
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Wm Harris

Fort St. George
23d December 1811

Exam[d]
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From the Hon[ble] the Sec[y]
B[d] of Revenue
Dated 23d Decem[r] 1811
Rec[d] 27 Jan[y] 1812

Revenue Department

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To the Acting Collector in Madura & Dindigul

Sir,

Para 1st. The Board of Revenue have lately had occasion to advert to the irregular manner in which the Pension List appears to have been kept in many Districts, and to notice great want of attention to its preparation on the part of several Collectors the intention of Government respecting to the Regulation of Charitable allowances appears also to have been misunderstood in many instances by the Collectors, and adverting to the very heavy Charge on account of Pensions and Charitable allowances which in the late Fusly (1220) considerably exceeded two and half lacs of Pagodas it becomes the duty of the Board to

to devise means for reducing as far as may
practicable the expenditure on this Account

2 With the view of more effect
Controuling this expenditure, it is the inten-
of the Board to submit the Pension List for
the Sanction of Government separately from
the Moyen Tabitahs, and you will therefore
in future transmit in a separate letter the
detailed Statement of Pensions according to t
form Circulated under date the 10th September
1806 entering merely the total in the Abstrac
forwarded with your Estimates.-

3 In the separate letter which w
accompany the pension list the Board desire
that you will enter fully into an explanatio
of every alteration which may have taken pla
in the course of each year. the pension list w
of Course be annually revised previously to t
transmission and to prevent abuse the Boar
desire that in all practicable cases the

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Yeomahdars be required to appear personally at your Cutchery at least once in the year, and except where they may be females whose attendance it would be improper to insist upon you will make payments only to the principals themselves. —

4 The Board are convinced that in no department has more abuse been practised & than in that of the Yeomahs and that even on a slight examination of the pension list many names will be found which cannot stand the test of enquiry, they are satisfied that a consider=able reduction is immediately practicable and the Board therefore desire that a complete & revision of the pension List may take place in your district without delay, in conducting this examination the Collectors will be guided by the instructions contained in the subsequent part of this letter and will report at their convenience

convenience the result for the information of the Board, and in forwarding this report it is the desire of the Board that the Collectors will also enter into a general explanation of the reductions or alterations which have hitherto taken place from the period when the payment of these allowances was first sanctioned.

5 In authorizing the payment of the Carnatic Yeomiahs it was not in the Contemplation of Government to renew the lavish and indiscriminate profusion of the Native Governments, or to entail idleness by the grant of hereditary pensions, the sole intention of Government in adopting that measure was to relieve from distress many persons depending for their subsistence entirely upon these allowances you will, therefore, consider it to be an invariable rule that the

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possession of other sufficient maintenance is in all cases whatever ample ground for resuming the allowance by whomsoever it may have been originally granted.—

6 The Collectors are already aware that where Yeomiahs have been Conferred by any of the relations of the three last Nabobs the age or infirmity of the incumbents has always been the only ground upon which such allowances have ever been permitted to be continued with respect to persons holding Yeomiahs under grants from the Nabobs & themselves, though the original orders of Government authorizing the restoration of Yeomiahs may certainly be construed as sanctioning indiscriminately the payment of all allowances held under Sunnuds from the Nabobs themselves, yet under the above

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explanation of the intentions of Government, where any of the incumbents have other sufficient means of subsistence and especially where they hold other allowances from the Circar, it would be abu[se of] the liberality of Government to permit them [to] enjoy both, the Board accordingly direct that i[n] all such Cases the Yeomiahs be immediately resumed. —

7 All service Yeomiahs should of course be Continued so long only as the Service for which they were granted may be required. —

8 The Board are sorry to observe that in some instances these service Yeomiahs have been allowed to descend to females — many of them very distant Connexions of the original incumbent, and all of them incompetent to [p]erform the duties attached to them, in others [they] appear to have become mere sinecures and some of the service Yeomahdars have

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allowed to employ deputies,– all such irregula-
-rities must at once be discontinued, such
service Yeomiahs only as are attached to useful
duties should be continued, all others must
be resumed, and the Yeomiahdar in every case
must be required personally to perform those
duties for which the Yeomiah was originally
granted.–

9 The Board perceive that many
Collectors have considered themselves at liberty
to renew pensions of their own Authority, and
in some instances even to insert new names
in the list,– in one District out of 91 Yeomiahdars
16 only are original incumbents, in another
some names are continued in the list whilst
the Collector had previously reported the
Death of these persons to the Board,– it has
in some cases been usual to continue the
allowances to relations of the deceased still
retaining

retaining his Name upon the list, and in others a kind of Percentage has been added every year to the existing allowances out of the reduction by lapses. Such irregularities can proceed only from misconception or inattention, and the Board therefore strongly recommend to the Collectors a careful annual revision of the list, at the same time I am directed to explain that no Collector is authorized to make any addition whatever to the Pension List of his own authority, even the re-insertion of a Yeomiah or other pension which has once been struck off will be considered irregular except under orders from the Board.—

10 With respect to such Yeomiahs as may in the Sunnud be declared hereditary I am directed to explain that no succession to any pension should be allowed without the

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express authority of Government, and that whenever lapses occur they should not be filled up until such authority be obtained upon a special reference for that purpose, for it must be held as a general principle that all pensions or Charitable allowances revert to Government on the demise of existing Incumbents — in continuing its bounty either wholly or in part to the Successors of such Pensioners Government will exercise its own discretion with reference to the Nature of the grant and to the particular Circumstances of each Individual Case —

11 A strict adherence to the foregoing rules will be expected from all the Collectors, — it may be necessary at the same time to state that the above observations have reference only to charitable allowances with regard to Pensions which have been granted

granted by the Government from other

Motives any lapses which may take place

should of course be regularly reported and

the orders of Government obtained respecting

their future disposal –

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Fort St. George

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23d. December 1811

Your most obedient Serv.

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